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ATTACHMENT SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated December 2, 2008.

The Examiner requires an election between the species of the embodiments as follows: Species I: Figure 9; Species II: Figure 10; Species III: Figure 17; or Species IV: Figure 27.

Applicants hereby elect Species III, Figure 17 and respectfully submit that claims 1, 2, and 8-26 read on the elected species with at least claim 1 being generic to all of the species. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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